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EDITORIAL.

So much good material was offered for the present number of the Bulletin that it has been necessary to again defer the paper on Falcones. The delay will result in a much better paper.

The editor will spend all of August and the first twelve days of September with a group of students on Pelee island as headquarters, studying the ecology of the region and investigating the fall migrations of the birds which pass that way. From the beginning of July until the middle of September mail should be addressed to him at Birmingham, Ohio. Mail will reach him if addressed to Oberlin, but it is likely to be delayed if so addressed, during the time stated.

If any one needed to be convinced that weather conditions profoundly influence the migrations of the birds, particularly the later migrants, he must have convincing proof in the weather and migrations of the past three months. We ought not to permit such an occasion to pass without enquiring into the extent of the influence. If persons who read this note will take the trouble to send to the editor a brief, or more extended note of the conditions which

prevailed in his or her region a report will be prepared for publication in this magazine. The questions asked are: How long were birds held back by weather? How many species were affected? Were individuals of late arriving species less numerous than usual? Was there noticeable increase in mortality?

REVIEWS

"The Nature Study Review," official organ of American Nature Study Society, March, 1910, Bird Study number. A splendid number, replete with excellent photos and good sound common sense ——— on bird protection by C. F. Hodge, J. E. Hess, G. H. Trafton, T. L. Hankinson, Fred L. Charles and others, with a bird identification chart especially adapted to the public schools, proves its sterling worth without any further advertisements. We wish it God-speed on its journey and hope it will prosper and grow to be a permanent stronghold in the protection of birds.

"NOTES ON SOME OF THE RARER BIRDS OF WASHTENAW CO., MICH.
(Reprint from the Auk, Vol. XXVII, No. 2, April, 1910.)

This is an excellent list of 34 species, with annotations, prepared with great care and accuracy by two well known field-workers of the Wilson Club, Norman A. Wood and A. D. Tinker. The comparisons with former lists are thorough, errors of these are corrected, evidence always being furnished by the actual capture of specimens. We note with surprise the apparent scarcity of some species compared with conditions in northern Ohio. We would like to point out to the authors the fact that the Pine Warbler is not necessarily confined to coniferous woods as its breeding haunts, Professor Ridgway's records from southern Illinois and the reviewer's own from southern Ohio proving as much. We only regret that the list was not first sent to the Wilson Bulletin, the best and only bird journal of the middle west, which should be the medium of publication for all the bird students of this region.

W. F. H.

"YEARBOOK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 1909."

This most valuable book contains a splendid article by W. L. McAtee on "Plants useful to attract birds and protect fruit," which is timely indeed. In European countries careful attention has long since been paid to the restoration of conditions favorable to bird life on land from which cultivation and civilization have